1,000 GIRL STUDENTS THERE: MORE WOULD LIKE TO GET IN.

The College Has Grown in Every Respect. Save the Bootlacks Matthew Vassar Provided-600 Applications Already for the 328 Places in the Next Fresh-Vassar-Efficiency President Taylor's Atm-Self-government and Social Life of the Students Health as Well as an Education Secured by the Girls.

We are from Vassar College. We are gay and sometimes grave.

Singing the joy of living
In a world so free and brave.
Our hearts and minds will be always leat, Our thoughts are true as supple steel To all our friends of college days And our noble alma mater.

This alma mater to whom the Vassar girls sing the above marching song is not an old lady by any manner of means. It just fifty years since Matthew Vassar of Poughkeepsie founded the "female college" which was to bear his name. Six years later the word "female" was gently but firmly eliminated from the title of the institution, but in every other respect save one it has grown astonishingly.

At that one point, which was bootjacks there has been complete atrophy. The initial endowment bestowed by Matthew Vassar was about \$400,000 and incidentally bootjacks in the proportion of one to a thousand dollars of that sum. This is literally true. The good old gentleman provided accommodations for 400 students, and for each of these prospective students he caused to be made, from walnut trees on his estate a bootjack. Not a crude and ungainly affair calculated to fit the masculine taste and footwear, but a polished article of graceful and inviting

It is perhaps unnecessary to state that this bootjack endowment proved em-barrassingly generous and was never legitimately exhausted. But along the line of mere money the college endowment has progressed till it is close to \$1,500,000; number of professors and instructors has jumped from thirty to over a hundred; the buildings have increased from two to twenty and the students from 300 to 1,058.

Two buildings may seem a very inade-quate provision for 300 students, especially as one of them happened to be an observatory. But the other, now known as Main Hall, was the longest building in the world when it was erected. Its principal corridor was over 500 feet in length and it had two wings which added half as much more to that total. Under this one roof the 300 students were housed and fed. mentally, physically and spiritually,

The college at first owned 200 acres about a mile east of Poughkeepsie. Now the resident physician's office and equipit owns 400 acres and leases 500 more which it conducts as a farm for the supply of milk, vegetables and other products. The water supply, from springs on the college tract, is exceptionally pure. In fact the place is a little world by itself. with its own heating and lighting plants, shop counters upon which are displayed its own fire protection, its own post office, and so on

To this little world comes annually a thousand girls. They represent almost every State in the Union, but one-third whatever they take. In Main, as Main of them are from New York State and more Hall is commonly called, there is a big than two-thirds of them from the East- room, known as "the kitchen." equipped There would be many more than a thou- with gas stoves and other conveniences. sand if the college would receive all who where girls may concect these things. want to come, but the trustees have voted

registration. Hitherto this rule has been inflexible, even against arguments ranging from personal influence to pecuniary considerations.

# COST OF VASSAR EDUCATION

When it comes to sending a girl or a boy to college the item of cost in individual cases climbs to unexpected heights or plunges incredibly near to bedrock. But at Vassar the range of expense is perhaps less given to ground and lofty tumbling than at some other institutions. Every girl pays precisely the same sums to the a year for "board, room and a limited amount of laundry.

everybody takes the same chance. Mere money won't buy a girl the best room in college. Some of the richest girls have had the least desirable rooms, and the other way about. Freshmen are assigned rooms by the lady principal, who distributes them as best she can. As a rule the first assignment stands and a girl keeps that room not only through her freshman year but through the next two also.

Of course there are occasional changes. Some vacancies occur because girls drop out of college, and some utterly uncongenial roommates want to be freed from their bondage. Otherwise no rearrangement takes place until the annual moving of all the seniors to Main Hall.

Even then there is no favoritism, no buying of privilege or place. The girls simply draw for choice of rooms. And whether they get, according to the local lley," a "fire wall," a "chute" or a "coffin," they know it's all fair by the rule of chance.

The college can control this particular range of expense, but it cannot dictate the size of a girl's allowance; so that is where the heights and depths are touched. Once in a while a girl is found who is spending perhaps \$1,000 a year quite aside from her college bills. As a rule, however, it goes into things which cannot be considered really good furniture for her room, for instance, and takes it home with her when

At the other end of the scale are the girls who actually go through on an allowance of \$25 for the entire college year which is nine months. One girl who did this explained the achievement by saying that many of her text books were given

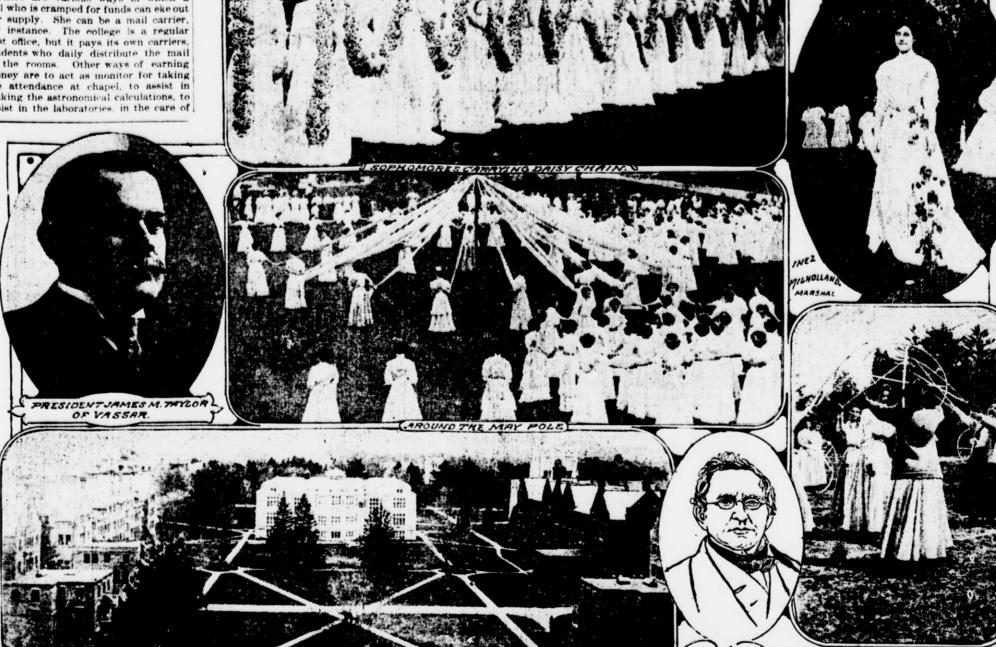
ich recreation as cost nothing.

These are the two extremes. The gen-

VASSAR college is against an omnipresent temptacountry and there is always something doing within its own wide domain.

SELP HELP.

There are various ways in which a girl who is cramped for funds can eke out her supply. She can be a mail carrier, for instance. The college is a regular post office, but it pays its own carriers, students who daily distribute the mail man Class-Cost of an Education at to the rooms. Other ways of earning money are to act as monitor for taking the attendance at chapel, to assist in making the astronomical calculations, to assist in the laboratories, in the care of



WORTH QUADRANGLE WITH ROCKETELLER HALL

ment, to tutor, to do mending or to make and to sell to other girls candy, popcorn and similar delectables. There are certain corridors upon which

bedroom windows open, and the sills of these windows are used by the girls as such wares as popcorn balls or home made candy. The price is stated on a card and purchasers are supposed to help themselves and to leave the price of

At Vassar students do not wait on table. limit the students to that number. but every girl is supposed to care for her When college opened last September own room. Sometimes one girl hires another to do it for her, but as a rule to enter next year. As the freshman class every student is, to that limited extent, must be limited to about 325 the college her own housekeeper. The privilege of authorities decided to close the registration list for 1911-12, even though it was one entire year in advance.

Of the 600 applicants for those 325 places some will fail to pass their examinations, some who have registered for more than one college may later decide not to go to Vassar, and others will dropout for various reasons. Even then there will be more

# RECEPTION OF THE FRESHMAN

There are several things which inevitably happen to a freshman on entering Vassar. In the first place she is received by one of a committee of seniors who are on hand for the purpose of showing new girls-and their attending parents. who are generally even more excited than the girls themselves-what to do and how to do it. This little attention on the part of an upper class girl takes the chill off the freshman's plunge. As for the fluttered mothers, who not incollege-\$150 a year for tuition and \$350 frequently weep upon the debonair seniorial shoulder, they have their first glimpse of the fact that going to college There you are. It's \$500 apiece and might also be labelled "going into the house of my friends "

The prospective Vassar girl who has anticipatory chills over the treatment she is likely to receive at the hands of upper classmen is wasting time and shivers. Some of these upper classmen declare that the freshmen are too much coddled, but perhaps it is better to err on that side. The receiving seniors present each new girl with a little red book containing information and a few rules. It is known as the Freshman's Bible and if the young person for whom it is intended studies it as she should she will avoid many breaks.

For instance, under the mild title "Suggestions." she will read:

The third south corridor of the main building is the special property of the seniors. Other classmen should bear this in mind The senior parlor is for the use of seniors and their guests only

Under classmen are reminded that seniors nomenclature, a "double alley," a "single should be allowed to precede them into the

Remember that you represent Vassar on When the freshman has taken her little

red "Bible" from the gently condescending senior and has been escorted by that gracious personage to her particular nook in one of the six residence halls she in company with the rest of her newly arrived sisters, must think next of her purely temporary expenditures; she buys real introduction to the college. This comes at 8:15 on the morning of the opening day, at which hour all freshmen must repair to assembly hall to receive official advice and directions from the real powers, the president and the faculty.

# EFFICIENCY THE AIM

President James Monroe Taylor has been at the head of Vassar College for twenty-five years, and as Prexy he is her, that others she bought second hand affectionately known to several thousand and paid for by selling those with which ex-Vassar girls. He has had his ideals she had finished. She took her room just for them. Seriously—as seriously at least as the college furnished it without adding as is consistent with the humorous any frills. She bought no treats in the twinkle that lurks in his eyes he has way of food, sent no flowers and took only tried to coordinate the girls and the ideals. He has not bolled down those ideals into

RIDING PARTY ON THE MAIN DRIVE

Teaching a girl cooking or how to take

or desirable in a college course. He has had a generous experience in what the regular college training does for women of cooking as if it had been fed only on cook books, and it has the broader and higher education to boot. Here are President Taylor's own words:

"I would so saturate a girl's mind with poetry, economics, history and literature that she still will have 'the vision' when she gets up against pots and pans '

He hasn't the slighest doubt that the poetry will make her flunk out on the pots and pans course when the time comes for her to elect it. That is his dea of efficiency, that it shall be a fundamental thing on which can be built what ever special structure a woman's life may call for It may be pots and pans, it may be teaching, it may be sociological work. But whatever it is, he would have the Vassar girl prepared to put a well trained mind and body into her work. trained mind and body into her work. That is just what they will tell you Vassar is doing for its students. They will tell you that say it is students. They will tell you that their standard of scholarship is as high as that of any other college for women. No student is graduated who does not come up to this standard. A girl may manage to spend four years at Vassar, but if she does not reach the required grades in all her work she cannot be graduated and receive her degree. That most of the girls do measure up to the standard is shown by the fact that out of an entering class of 325 about 225 are graduated with a degree, and

25 are graduated with a degree, and hat only a small proportion of the missing 00 is made up of girls who have failed n their work or have left college from in their work or have left college from choice. It seems that the girl who goes to college must be prepared to be snatched away from it on a much slighter pretext than would apply to her brother's case. Sickness in the family, lonely parents, financial stringency these and other considerations will take the girl home when no one would dream of cutting short the boy's college career.

COLLEGE LIFE MEANS GOOD HEALTH. Curiously enough, one of the strongest

those things mentioned above which happen to every freshman as soon as she enters. Huge ledgers contain the records. The Circle, as its These are the two extremes. The general epinion seems to be that an allowance of \$25 a month is fairly generous for a the students to become "educated gentle-Vassar girl's needs. The situation of the statements and the statements of the sexual epinion seems to be that an allowance of \$25 a month is fairly generous for a the students to become "educated gentle-Vassar girl's needs. The situation of the statements and the statements of these examinations, including the family history (significant illnesses or resumatism), the girl's own his-so conspicuous a feature of the Vassar Vassar girl's needs. The situation of the women." But he has come pretty near it. losis or rheumatism), the girl's own his- so conspicuous a feature of the Vassar tory so far as sickness goes (her physical campus. Every one of these trees was

one college may later decide not to go to Vassar, and others will drop out for various reasons. Even then there will be more girls than places.

So there is a rule that the applicants So there is a rule that the applicants of the place is permeated every afternoon with a gentle sound of simmering. A significant announcement is that "a grocery store is open all day on the first general education that trains the mind itself.

Taylor's fetich, if he has one, may be expressed in one word, efficiency. But his way of training a girl to be efficient is by first giving her the well rounded was "Excellent." Sometimes the girl's own words would be added: "Never felt better in my life." In every case where a better in my life." In every case where a better in my life." In every case where a better in my life." In every case where a better in my life." In every case where a better in my life." In every case where a better in my life." In every case where a better in my life." In every case where a better in my life." In every case where a better in my life. In every case where a better in my life. In every case where a better in my life. In every case where a better in my life." In every case where a better in my life. In every case where a better in my life. In every case where a better in my life. In every case where a better in my life. In every case where a better in my life. In every case where a better in my life. In every case where a better in my life. In every case where a better in my life. In every life in the more of particular announcement is that "a grocery store is open all day on the first announcement is that "a grocery store is open all day on the first announcement is that "a grocery store is open all day on the first announcement is that "a grocery store is open all day on the first announcement is that "a grocery store is open all day on the first announcement is that "a grocery store is open all day on the first announcement is that "a grocery store is open all day on the first announcement is that "a better in my life." In every case where a girl has dropped out of college before Teaching a girl cooking or how to take completing the course the reason has care of a baby does not appeal to the been ascertained and entered across her president of Vassar as either necessary record in the doctor's ledger. Almost

never has ill health been responsible In addition to this ledger a complete card catalogue record is kept of every girl who at any time during her stay in and it has taught him that they make college is under the doctor's care for any just as good and sometimes better cooks and mothers than the uncolleged. A mind trained by so-called higher education is quite as able to master the science of the most delightful of the college buildings is the Swift Memorial Infirmary, where the girls who are ill enough where the girls who are in enough to require special care receive it at the hands of trained nurses. The infirmary can ac-commodate about twenty-seven patients, but it ispractically never full.

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Of course if there is an epidemic of grip in the country it works its way into the colleges too. But the ordinary percentage of illness is almost negligible. If there were ten patients in the infirmary whose cases even approached serious illness it would still be only 1 per cent. of illness for the college. But even that of illness for the college. But even that point is never reached. The infirmary has an ingeniously contrived section has an ingeniously contrived section for the isolation of contagious diseases, so that even should a girl so far forget her years and dignity as to have mumps or measles she need not have the depressing experience of being shunted into some forlorn house where she would feel like a pariah.

# ATHLETIC SPORTS.

The freshman has to undergo also a second physical examination, this time at the hands of the director of the gymnasium, a rather inadequate title for the woman who supervises all the physical training and athletics and who carries out the resident physician's prescription as to the nature and amount of exercise each girl shall take. The measurements each girl shall take. The measurements taken by the physical director are those recommended by the American Associa-tion for the Advancement of Physical Education.

From about the middle of November atil the spring vacation gymnasium until the spring vacation gymnasium exercise is required three times a week exercise is required three times a week unless a girl is excused by the resident physician. Each class has a basketball team which carries on practice work in the gymnasium during the winter, but there are no indoor exhibition games. There is an indoor track meet just before holidays, with jumping, vault-ipparatus work, fencing and the dancing which forms so important a part of modern gymnasium work. But the attendance of girls as spectators of indoor athletics is not encouraged. The idea is rather to have them doing

nowadays at least, is one which used to be considered the greatest argument is consideration for the girl's health.

It must be almost humiliating to parents to discover, as nine out of ten of them do, that in almost every case the college girl steadily improves in health during her course. They might not be so surprised if they saw the perfect balance maintained between the care of her mind and the care of her body.

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physician to enter the athletic competi-tions or to indulge in any of the more strenuous sports have plenty of charming walks open to them without leaving the 800 college acres. Another of the ways in which the Vassar girls build up a good physical equipment is horseback riding. Students must have permission from their parents to ride, and no student may ride alone, but always in a party of at least two students and a groom. This year fully 200 of the girls have taken riding tickets. WHAT THE GIRLS STUDY.

Although President Taylor is a con-ryative in his ideas about a proper college curriculum, there are some very college curriculum, there are some very interesting developments in the choosing of courses at Vassar. Of course certain ones are required and therefore the number of girls taking them is no indication of the actual trend of the twentieth century girl's mind. The English courses are the most popular. That is true in all general colleges. Latin and mathematics too have their more or less willing clientele. But the real interest of a girl is shown in the elections she makes. the elections she makes. From this point of view the Vassar gir

is keenest on psychology, economics and sociology, physiology and hygiene. These three courses, each taken from the point of practical human application, are the ones that fill the classrooms. Dr. Thelberg, the resident physician, is also professor of physiology and hygiene. All new students are required to attend six of her lectures, given soon after college opens, on dress, exercise, bathing, food, work, rest and so on. That means an obligatory attendance of between three

obligatory attendance of between three and four hundred.

But there is no obligation on any girl to take Dr. Thelberg's courses in advanced human physiology and municipal and house sanitation. These are open only to juniors and seniors. Yet they secure some of the most crowded classes in the college. One of the requirements of the latter course is that each student. of the latter course is that each studen shall make an investigation into the laws of her own town as they relate to sanitary and hygienic matters.

and hygienic matters.

Perhaps the most unusual feature of Dr. Thelberg's work is the delivering of four lectures on maternity to the members of the senior class just before their graduation. These lectures are not a part of the curriculum. It is not obligatory on any class or any member of a class to have them. Dr. Thelberg simply announces to the seniors that it has been her custom to offer the lectures to the announces to the seniors that it has been her custom to offer the lectures to the graduating class and that if they wish it she will give the course to them. Every class has asked for it and the attendance has demonstrated the girls' interest

The practical nature of the courses in economics and sociology is shown by the subjects; as for instance, modern industrial organization, labor problems and socialism, charities and correction finance, the tariff question and economic and social problems of city life. The number of girls taking these courses in number of girls taking these courses in practical conomics promises well for their future civic spirit. As for psychol-ogy, several hundred girls are taking one or more of the courses. Both men and women are on the Vassar

faculty, the professorships being about evenly divided between them. Almost without exception the assistant instrucors are women. President Taylor lieves in a mixed faculty for women's colleges. He admits, with a brightening of that twinkle in his eye, that most theories seem made only to be changed. But the theory calling for a mixed faculty is one that wears well.

the one responsible for the absence of Greek letter societies at Vassar. There are all manner of clubs in the college, but the recognized fraternities (sororiare all manner of clubs in the college, but the recognized fraternities (sororities), with what many people consider their tendency toward exclusiveness and an undemocratic spirit, are not permitted. There are plenty of small social clubs that simply have teas and general good times. But as a rule membership in them comes naturally and there is none of that phenomenon known as "rushing."

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that simply have teas and general good times. But as a rule membership in them comes naturally and there is none of that phenomenon known as "rushing."

What might be called geographical clubs, as the New England, the Southern, the Chicago, the New Jersey, the Colorado, have an inevitable sort of membership. So does the Granddaughters, composed of students whose mothers are alumnae and to whom therefore Vassar is not merely an alma mater but an alma grandmater.

Of course there is a Shakespeare club. What college is without one? And there's a French club, and a Decimal of the Students Association has seven points. So have the editor in chief of the Wassarion and the editor in chief of the Wassarion and the college is without one? And there's a French club, and a Decimal of the Students Association has seven points, class president of the Wassarion and the editor in chief of the Wassarion is so have the editor in chief of the Wassarion and the citizen in chief of the Wassarion and t

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Of course there is a Shakespeare club, what college is without one? And there is a French club and a Deutsche verein and a lot more of that sort. And there is here and there a stray circle of light hearted young persons, like those forming the Muskeday Club, whose mission is merely to frolic and make fun. But there is no particular glory in belonging, for example, to the Buffalo Club, just because when you go home you have to get off at that particular town.

There is glory in getting a good position in one of the two debating societies. T. and M. for the odd classes and Qui Vive for the even ones. But it is a glory one has to earn. Both these societies are about thirty years old "and still going strong." The interest in debating is keener at Vassar than at any other college for women. Perhaps the most exciting day of the whole year is that of the big debate between the two

or preparation and is as feverish an oc-casion as the college calendar affords. The Philalethean Society, familiarly known as "Phil," is the big dramatic organization. It has an initiation fee of \$2 and annual dues of \$1, every student in the college being eligible. The great work of "Phil" is the giving of four plays which have become labelled as the "hall plays," because three of them are given which have become labelled as the half plays," because three of them are given in "Phil" Hall, in the gymnasium build-ing. These four plays are big events. Girls taking the leading parts join the ranks of the "celebs" (celebrities), of ranks of the "celebs" ( whom a Vassar song says:

We are the stars of college "Celebs" they call us too They point us out on campus Whenever we come in view.

No freshman may be in the cast or a ommittee of the first two plays. After at all the classes may be represented fourth hall play is given out of doors in May in a lovely natural amphitheatre on the side of Sunset Hill. As it is at night and the long winding paths leading to the al fresco setting are lighted with strings of Japanese lanterns, it is a pic-turesque occasion. Last year the play was "The Tempest." In 1909 it was "As You Like It.

You Like It."

To be president of Philaletheis is one of the five big honors of the senior year. To be president of the athletic association is another, and of the senior class a third. But the highest positions which can fall to a student are to be at the head of "the Students" and of "the Christians."

The latter is the colloquial terrefact. The latter is the colloquial term for the Christian association, which has over 700 members in the college. It has conferences on religious and philanthropic work and even undertakes some on its own account. Just before Christmas each account. Just before Christmas each it sends out several hundred Vassar, dressed by the students, and disown account. tributed to poor children in various parts of the country. Boxes of clothing and of magazines are sent out also, and the rirls do local work in the Poughkeepsie Young Women's Christian Association, the Home for the Friendless and the

# THE STUDENTS SELF-GOVERNED

But the top of the ladder, so far as responsibility and honor go, is to be president of the Students Association, a sition which involves being at the head of the self-government committee of the college. Vassar has a very perfect sys-tem of student government. The charter of Students Association reads:

The faculty of Vassar College believing that the welfare of the college will be adsystem of self-government among the students \* \* hereby grants to the Students Association full legislative and executive control in the following matters the faculty has jurisdiction:

Inspection:

Cn Wednesdaythe commencement executive to the faculty has jurisdiction: First, maintenance of quiet in the buildings.

Second, order and decorum in the build-

ings and on the campus.

Third, all regulations in regard to exercise outside the gymnasium.

The Students, as the association is called, has built up on this charter a system of student control and supervision which is a credit to the college. of that twinkle in his eye, that most theories seem made only to be changed. But the theory calling for a mixed faculty is one that wears well.

NO GREEK LETTER SOCIETIES.

Another theory which so far he has found no adequate reason to change is found no adequate reason to change is the person who examines into Vassar continuous the person who examines into Vassar continuous the residual to the college. The self-government consists of lifteen members, all of them students. The president of the association acts as chairman. Some there is one thing which impressed the person who examines into Vassar continuous the person who exami

ing twelve members three are from the ming senior class (making six seniors ll), five are juniors, two sophomores two freshmen.

and two freshmen.

The president may at her discretion summon before her any member of the association. The committee may request that the privileges of any member be taken away, that a member he changed from one residence hall to another, and may temporarily suspend a student from membership in the association. In the case of a girl thus suspended the committee may request that she had the committee may request the removed from the campus or

College.

The system inaugurated by the students thereselves for maintaining order in the buildings is said to work admirable. Each hall of residence has a president

under her are proctors in charge of certain districts, all corridors being divided into these districts.

Most of the girls cordially hate being a proctor. It is a nuisance, takes time. trouble and tact and they hate it. But it is a point of honor to serve when one is chosen to the office. Each proctor

appoints her own sub-proctors The self-government committee is ea-ecally strong on quiet, and the first ules in its list are provisions to secure Here are some of them: There shall be quiet in the buildings from

10 P. M. to 7 A. M., except in the case of college engagements (those open to all students) holding after 10 P. M., in which case there shall be quiet immediately after the close of such engagements. Although the bathtubs may be used after 6:30 A. M. the quiet hours continue until the 7 A. M. bell and there must be no noise.

in the corridors or bathrooms until that bell.
The playing of phonographs is allowed only at the following hours: On Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday be-tween fourth and fifth hours and from the end of eighth hour until chapel, and on Friday and Saturday during all but quiet Roller skating is prohibited in the residenc halls.

There shall be no disturbing noise near

the residence or recitation halls or the in-Students must not talk from the windows o persons on the campus or from the campus

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The proctors enforce these and other rules by a system of reproofs or "call downs." A reproof may not be a call down unless so designated by the proctor. After three of these call downs a girl is summoned before the president of the hall in which she lives. After six call downs she is summoned before the president of the association.

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The successful working of the system is proved by the fact that so far this year not a single girl has had six call downs. The nature of these call downs may be guessed from the following from the book of regulations, passed by the students themselves: "When a proctor speaks to a student for walking heavily in the corridor after 10 P. M. it shall be considered an official call down."

Besides the self-gov ernment committee there is a joint committee of faculty and students which discusses all questions submitted to it by either the faculty or the students.

RULES OF OFFICE HOLDING.

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One of the things worked out by the Students Association and known as the census bureau is a classification by a system of points of all offices and com-

mittees open to the students. The points are not on the degree of honor but on the amount of work involved, the idea being

most exciting day of the whole year is that of the big debate between the two societies. It comes in March after weeks of preparation and is as feverish an oc-

accommodate all the students except about a hundred who have to live off campus. But only a few weeks ago Mrs. Russell Sage gave the college \$150,000 for the erection of a hall to be named after her mother, Olivia Josselyn. This will enable the college to have all its stuients on the campus.

dents on the campus.

Practically no graduate students are admitted at Vassar, only six or seven being received each year. This is not as President Taylor explains, because the college of the college o as President Taylor explains, because the college cannot give the advanced work required. It can and does give it. But the design of the college plan is to educate the undergraduate and to send those who wish to take graduate work to a university.

LIGHTER SIDE OF STUDENT LIFE The lighter side of life at Vassar is not so insistent as at some of the other colleges, but it exists generously enough Freshmen are not allowed to attend the two big dances, chiefly perhaps because it would overcrowd the hall where they take place. But there are the plays the receptions, the frolic parties, the skating festival, the water fete, the seniors boat ride, and finally, though the seniors would doubtless protest that the sion should not be classed on the li side, commencement week, wit great events.

The week opens with the baccalaureate The week opens with the baccalaureate sermon on Sunday, always preached by President Taylor himself. The only other one which he is sure to deliver is the first one of the year. That evening there is a concert in Assembly Hall Monday there is the Phi Beta Kappa address and President Taylor's teat to the alumnae and graduating class. Incidentally a given club correct as a lumnae. dentally a glee club concert, an alu varsity basketball game, the May da and a few dozen other things go on

Tuesday, which is class day, is marked by the interesting ceremony und r the class tree, where the class records are decently interred. The spade ceremony is interesting, because the implement con-cerned and with which the first earth is taken out is the identical one with which nearly fifty years ago Matthew Vassaf himself turned the first sod preparatory

to the erection of Main Hall.
Class day has squeezed into it the president's reception, alumne reunions alumnæ luncheons, the class supper and a few million other things. It is in con-nection with the class tree exercises that the famous daisy chain is carried by twenty of the postilist carbon and the contwenty of the prettiest sophomores cernible. The chain is made by the of the sophomore class, some demonstrate at some inconspictors moment their grief at not having bee selected among the beauteous twenty making a "crazy chain" and doing stund

cises take place in the chapel, preceded by a wonderful procession of alumna, faculty students and trustees. On Thursday there is a big dinner to seniors given by the alumna and faculty. And here the Vas-sar girl hears the last snio which cuts her loose from the apron strings of her alma mater.

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